THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per the statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of persons arrested under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act in the four metro cities during 2001 -2003 are as under;

City	Persons arrested		
	2001	2002	2003
Chennai	2546	1165	977
Delhi	136	201	204
Kolkata	137	46	201
Mumbai	743	1230	742

(c) In Delhi, cases have come to notice, where massage parlours and friendship clubs were found to be operating as fronts for prostitution.

(d) The Police takes action under the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act when incidents of trafficking of women, including young girls, are reported. 'Public Order and 'Police' are state subjects. However, the Government of India has been issuing guidelines to the State Governments to give more focused atten-tion to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime against ail vulnerable sections of society including women. A National Meet of Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police was organized jointly by Ministry of Home Affairs and National Commission for Women on 25th August, 2004 which *interalia* addressed issues related to trafficking in women.

Pathetic Condition at Immigration counters at IGI Airport

246. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of pathetic conditions at immigration counters at the International Airport in Delhi where passengers have to wait for more than one hour to get immigration and security clearance and for boarding the aircraft;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any action plan have been drawn to increase the staff and counters at immigration counters and if not, the raasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) All major international flights operate between 2100 hrs to 0300 hrs at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. Due to bunching of flights, in short span, immigration and security clearance take some time.

(b) To facilitate faster immigration clearance at IGI Airport, Delhi, all Immigration counters have been fully computerized. 16 Passport Reading Machines have been installed. A modified Disembarkation/Embarkation card for Indians and foreigners was introduced in January, 2004. Further, well trained staff is deployed to ensure speedy clearance.

(c) Due to space constraints it is not possible to increase the immigration counters. However, to deal with rush situations, the staff at departure and arrival sides are shuffled to facilitate faster clearances.

Entering of Maoists in India from Nepal

247. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), responsible for guarding indo-Nepal border have confirmed about certain Maoists crossing into India following the royal coup in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Maoists are reported to be heading for safer sanctuaries in Uttaranchal, Bihar and Jharkhand;

(d) whether besides Maoists, certain political activists are also reported to have crossed into India or have sought refuge in India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether this can lead to a serious internal security situation in India; and